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SUBJECT: MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR MOTHER OF MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED TREATMENT FOR YAMANI'S MOTHER WITH BOTH THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL IN BOSTON AND THE CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK CITY. THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF MEDICAL SERVICES HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE ABOVE MEDICAL CENTERS WHOSE FACILITIES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE AMONG THE BEST IN THE U.S.

2. AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL MRS. YAMANI WOULD BE UNDER THE CARE OF DR. W. GERALD AUSTIN, CHIEF OF GENERAL SURGERY, AND DR. WILLIAM ABBOTT, A VASCULAR SURGEON. MRS. YAMANI WOULD BE ADMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE PHILLIPS HOUSE WING OF THE HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE IF SURGERY IS NECESSARY; CONVALESCENCE AFTER SURGERY IS NORMALLY TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS. PHILLIPS HOUSE ROOM FEES ARE 144 DOLLARS TO 154 DOLLARS PER DAY. THIS FEE INCLUDES PRIVATE ROOM, WITH MEALS, AND NORMAL (BUT NOT PRIVATE) NURSING CARE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE DOCTORS FEES, LAB FEES,
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OR OTHER HOSPITAL FEES. DOCTORS ABBOTT AND AUSTIN WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 22 UNTIL ABOUT OCTOBER 11, AFTER WHICH TRAVELLING COMMITMENTS MAKE THEM UNAVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 20. MRS. YAMANI SHOULD PLAN TO CHECK INTO PHILLIPS HOUSE ONE OR TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THESE DATES; I.E., AROUND SEPTEMBER 20 OR OCTOBER 18 RESPECTIVELY.

3. DEPARTMENT'S OTHER RECOMMENDATION IS DR. WILLIAM GAY, A CARDIO-THORACIC AND VASCULAR SURGEON AT CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER. DR. GAY IS UNAVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 12-17 AND THUS WOULD NOT WISH TO BEGIN TREATMENT AFTER OCTOBER 6, BUT COULD SEE MRS. YAMANI DURING SEPTEMBER OR AFTER OCTOBER 17. PRIVATE ROOMS AT CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER ARE ABOUT 200 DOLLARS PER DAY.

4. HOSPITAL BEDS ARE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE ON SHORT NOTICE, AND RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE CONFIRMED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. DEPARTMENT READY TO ASSIST IN FINALIZING THESE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ROBINSON

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